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Continuation application of: 09/523,237)	Atty. Docket No. GP068-03.CN1
Application Serial No. 08/893,300)	
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Filed: March 10, 2000)	
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For: KITS FOR AMPLIFYING TARGET)	
NUCLEIC ACIDS USING MODIFIED)	
PRIMERS)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In connection with the above-captioned continuation application, kindly enter the following preliminary amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at page 1 by inserting the following as the first sentence after the title of the invention: ~~This is a continuation of Application No. 08/893,300,~~
^{now Patent No. 6,130,038}
filed July 15, 1997, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/021,818, filed July 16, 1996.--.

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title of the invention to read --KITS FOR AMPLIFYING
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS USING MODIFIED PRIMERS--.